

PROVISIONAL DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

The rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 21. Claim 21 was provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of then copending and commonly owned Application No. 08/580,567 (Attorney docket record 205.2). The rejection is also rendered moot because Application No. 08/580,567 is abandoned by a Notice of Abandonment mailed September 1, 1998.

REMARKS

The applicant thanks Examiner Weddington for the courtesy of a telephone conversation whereby it was determined to submit this Reply after the GRANT of the petition to revive the instant application.

New claims 22-24 comport with the specification. New claims 22-24 find support, among other places in the specification, at pages:

49	Table 1a, structure Q, R
178	Scheme 1, compound 1
181	Scheme 4, compounds 1, 19
191	Scheme 12, compound 1
195	Scheme 17, compounds 1, 22
202	Scheme 31, compound 1
206	Scheme 36, compound 273
208	Scheme 38, compounds 273, 277
244	Scheme 42, compound 323
246	Scheme 43, compound 334
248	Scheme 45, compounds 345
250	compound 500
268	Example 58, compound 1

CONCLUSION

It is Applicant's belief that the application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

This reply is considered to be timely filed. If any additional fees not submitted with this response are required, the Commissioner is authorized to withdraw such fees from deposit account **07-1250**.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 650 522-5793.

Respectfully submitted,

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